

Communication Guidelines for Subgroups

1. Develop clarity about mission for each Subgroup and specific examples of the distinction between advice role as described in CFR 43.1784.6-1(b) and BLM management responsibilities to avoid conflict about roles of members and BLM staff.
2. Work through the Subgroup chair and designated BLM staff to raise issues, offer recommendations, or make requests.
3. Give time for Subgroup chair and BLM staff to respond before sidestepping or moving up the chain.
4. Provide responses on inquiries to all Subgroup members and a log available at a web site or other location for interested members of public to review.
5. Commit to a spirit of mutual respect and meaningful collaboration.
6. Serve as a channel of accurate information to interested constituencies and the public.
7. Prepare summaries of meeting discussions and notation of specific recommendations.
8. Address at least annually how the Subgroup and BLM staff are working together and suggested improvements.